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INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth edition of the booklet issued by the Department of Municipal Affairs to provide information concerning financial assistance available to the municipal units of Nova Scotia from the Provincial and from the Federal Government.

We are grateful to various departments, boards, commissions, and other authorities who provide the information contained in this booklet repecting the assistance available from each of them. We suggest that inquiries relating to various types of assistance be directed to the department concerned.

We hope to provide further revisions periodically as these become necessary. In the meantime, we hope that the present publication may be useful to you.

W.E. Moseley,
DEPUTY MINISTER

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF

NOVA SCOTIA

A. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING

The Department of Agriculture and Marketing pays annually to the municipalities grants to compensate them for reduced tax revenues that result from certain general exemptions from taxation contained in the provisions of Section 3 of the Assessment Act. These exemptions are:

(m) the livestock, implements and machinery belonging to a farmer and used in working his farm.

The amount of the annual grant in each case is the total amount levied by the municipality in 1966 on property of the kind listed above.

The Department of Agriculture and Marketing pays one-half of the salary and expenses of Municipal Weed Control Inspectors.

B. DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. Administration of Justice

In Halifax the Province makes a contribution to the Court House Commission for facilities used by the whole Province, such as the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal.

The cost of keeping female prisoners in reformatories is shared with the municipalities. The province will contribute towards the maintenance of each female prisoner sentenced to a reformatory institution recognized and approved by the Governor in Council such amount per annum as is determined by the Governor in Council.

The Province pays the municipalities a per diem allowance of $4.00 per day for all prisoners serving sentences in excess of six months.

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission pays a per diem allowance of $4.00 to all municipalities for all persons convicted under the Liquor Control Act and serving sentences in jails in those municipalities.

C. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Assistance to School Boards

(a) Foundation Program Grants

Provincial assistance to urban, municipal and amalgamated school boards for the operation of schools is paid in respect of the Foundation Program which includes the costs of supervisory and teachers' salaries, maintenance and operation of schools, transportation of pupils, summer classes for pupils, public school correspondence courses, tuition and boarding of pupils. The amounts paid in respect of these services is a percentage of the total cost of these services up to certain maximum amounts in each case. The percentage is determined by calculating the cost of these services in the previous school year at the shareable rates and by relating this amount to the amount which would be raised by the municipal unit if a rate of $1.35 per $100.00 of equalized assessment was levied by the municipal unit. The difference between the resultant percentage and 100% is the Provincial Proportion. In those instances where the Provincial proportion is less than 27.5%, the actual proportion is disregarded and the Provincial contribution toward the cost of Foundation Program Services is 27.5%.

When the Provincial proportion is calculated for amalgamated school boards, the cost of administration up to six dollars per pupil enrolled in the schools in the area and the shareable debt service charges on all debts for school purposes paid by the board are included, in addition to those listed in the preceding paragraph, in the educational services whose costs are calculated. For these boards, the current year's shareable costs are used to determine the Provincial proportion.

In addition to the payment of Foundation Program Grants, the Province contributes the Provincial proportion with no minimum, of the net cost of cafeteria or school lunch programs operated by school boards and approved by the Minister.

The amounts of financial assistance payable to school boards in respect of the foregoing are determined in the manner prescribed by the Education Assistance Act.

School boards may provide services in addition to those prescribed in the Foundation Program and the cost of these services, plus the cost of Foundation Program Services at rates in excess of the shareable rates, is borne entirely by the municipal unit, except for the special grants described below.

(b) Unemployment Insurance Grant

The Province will pay to school boards the Provincial proportion, subject to a minimum of 27.5% of the amounts of Unemployment Insurance premiums paid by school boards as employers of teachers.

(c) Driver Education Course Grants

The Province may pay to school boards an assistance grant calculated at the rate of $20.00 per pupil for each pupil who completes, successfully, a prescribed course in Driver Education.

(d) Continuing (Adult) Education Grants

The Province may pay to school boards grants in support of Adult Education Programs of an academic, vocational or cultural nature. These are instructional grants and administrative grants. Instructional grants, where students do not pay fees in excess of $10.00 are at the same rate as the Provincial proportion of the Foundation Program or 50%, whichever is higher. Where students pay fees in excess of $10.00, the grants amount to 50% of the instructional cost, or the Provincial proportion, whichever is lower. Administrative grants are made available to school boards engaging either full-time or part-time Administrators of Adult Education Programs at the same rate as the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program, or 50%, whichever rate is higher. In the case of a part-time Administrator, the grant is at the rate of one dollar per class hour or $3,000.00, whichever is less. In the case of a full-time Administrator, the salary is commensurate with license and experience plus $1,500.00.

(e) Vocational Evening Class Grants

Some of the courses formerly offered as Vocational Evening Classes are now included under the Continuing (Adult) Education Grants.

Courses may be offered in vocational schools depending upon the equipment in the respective schools and the demand for the courses.

(f) Canada Pension Plan

The Province will reimburse school boards for the amount which they are required to contribute to the Canada Pension Fund as employers of teachers who participate in the Nova Scotia Teachers' Pension Plan.

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2. Assistance to Municipalities

(a) Capital Grants

The Province pays the Provincial proportion, but without a minimum of 27.5% of the Debt Service Charges - retirement of principal and payment of interest - on all debt for school purposes incurred prior to January 1, 1956. The Province pays the Provincial proportion, with no minimum of the shareable portion of Capital Debt Service Charges on debt incurred after January 1, 1956, the portion being determined by relating the shareable costs of school construction to the amounts borrowed. The Province also pays the Provincial proportion, with no minimum, of approved capital expenditures from sums other than borrowed sums up to the amount of the capital expenditure within approved limits.

(b) Recreation Committee Grants

Operation

The Province may provide assistance to municipal units in which a recreation committee is in existence. The form of such assistance is for part-time leadership salaries and minimal assistance for the upgrading of outdoor facilities. Assistance is also available in incorporated villages which have established a recreation committee and are endeavoring to provide recreational opportunities.

Capital

The Province may make financial assistance available to municipal units, and other local organizations and agencies, to assist in approved programs of capital construction or recreation facilities.

(c) Regional Library Grants

The Province may pay to each city, town or municipality which has entered into an agreement for the establishment and operation of a regional public library, a grant in an amount equal to:

(1) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 50%, whichever is higher, of the portion of the operating costs not exceeding $1.00 per capita of its population; and

(2) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 27.5%, whichever is higher, of the portion of the operating costs in excess of $1.00 per capita;

(3) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 27.5%, whichever is higher, of the cost of providing and maintaining branch library facilities, up to fifty cents per capita.

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(d) Regional Vocational Schools

The Province pays 100% of the costs of building, equipping, and operating regional vocational schools throughout the Province. The land required for each school is deeded to the Province, without cost, by the municipal unit in which the school is located. The Government of Canada assists in the costs of building and equipping the schools, but the agreement under which this assistance is provided will expire when the present appropriation, all of which has been allocated to projects that are under construction or being planned, has been used.

D. DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

The Department of Fisheries pays annually to the municipalities grants to compensate them for reduced tax revenues that result from certain general exemptions from taxation contained in the provisions of Section 3 of the Assessment Act. These exemptions are:

(o) the nets, outfit and equipment belonging to a fisherman and used by him in fishing; and

(t) all boats, ships and shares therein.

The amount of the annual grant in each case is the total amount levied by the municipality in 1966 on property of the kind listed above.

E. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Agreements may be made with towns and cities to pay a percentage of the cost of construction, reconstruction or maintenance of highways which form a connecting link in a main trunk highway of the Province or is a main highway leading into or through the town or city. The percentage is equal to the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program of Education in the city or town as determined from time to time under the Education Act and not less than 50% of the cost of the highway work.

The Minister may share more than 50% of the cost of a bridge on above highway if the bridge exceeds ten feet in shortest length between the front faces of its end supports.

The Minister, for the purpose of providing a more direct or more expeditious route for traffic through a city or town, may construct and maintain a highway or a portion of a highway within the boundaries of a city or town.

The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may share the cost of sidewalks on a public highway right-of-way in any rural municipality. The sharing is similar to the method for towns and cities in the first paragraph.

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In suburban subdivision roads, in rural municipalities the sharing of costs is equal to the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program of Education in the municipality as determined from time to time under the Education Act but not less than 50%.

A contribution will be made to cities and towns by the Department towards the cost of snow removal and ice control on the total mileage of highway under Agreement in each city or town. The contribution is an amount which has been determined by using the estimated cost of snow removal in the area and a percentage based on the average Provincial proportions of the Foundation Program of Education.

F. DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

THE LANDS AND FORESTS ACT - PART 1 CROWN LANDS

Licenses to cut on ungranted land

44 (1) The Minister may grant licenses to cut timber on the ungranted land of the Crown on payment of such dues as may be in his discretion.

Terms and Conditions of Licenses

(2) Every license or renewal thereof shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may deem expedient and which are embodied therein. R.S., c 145, s.42.

Payment to Municipality

45 Where a license to cut timber is granted under Section 44, the Minister may pay to the Municipality in which the land described in the license is situated fifteen per cent of the dues payable to the Crown under license R.S., c 145, s 43; 1965, c 33, s 9.

PARKS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Grants to Municipalities

3 (1) Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, the Minister may grant financial assistance to any municipality to assist in the development of an approved campsite.

Idem

(2) The financial assistance in respect of an approved campsite shall not exceed one-half of the total cost of development and in no case shall exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Prerequisites to Grant

(3) No financial assistance shall be granted under this Act unless in the opinion of the Minister there is a need for the approved campsite having regard to its location in relation to other parks in Nova Scotia and the camping picnicking and other facilities provided for the accommodation and enjoyment of the public.

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Grants for Improvement of Scenic Areas

9 (1) Where

(a) a local community organization wishes to initiate and carry out a project of local improvement by constructing and developing trails, scenic waterfalls, streams or other local scenic or picnic areas: and

(b) that organization and the municipality in which the local scenic area is located agree to each provide twenty-five per cent of the cost of such construction and development, the Minister may, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, grant financial assistance to any such municipality or local community organization.

Maximum Grants

(2) Financial assistance granted under subsection (1) shall not exceed fifty per cent of the total cost of construction and development and in no case shall exceed twenty-five hundred dollars. 1967, c.86, s.4.

SCOTT MARITIMES PULP LIMITED AGREEMENT ACT, 1965

Payments by Company in Lieu of Taxes

8 The Company shall pay to the Province after the Startup of the Mill and during the period that the provisions of the Assessment Act and the Land Tax Act do not apply to it:

(a) not later than the thirty-first day of January of the year next succeeding the year in which the Mill started up:

(i) one hundred and five thousand dollars multiplied by the number of months during which the Mill produced pulp in the preceding year divided by twelve; or

(ii) sixty cents per ton of pulp produced in the said preceding year; whichever is the greater:

(b) not later than the thirty-first day of January of each succeeding year:

(i) one hundred and five thousand dollars and in addition thereto one thousand dollars multiplied by the complete number of calendar years since the Startup of the Mill not exceeding an additional amount of ten thousand dollars in any year, or

(ii) sixty cents per ton of pulp produced in the calendar year next preceding the said thirty-first day of January: whichever is the greater.

Payments to Municipality of County of Pictou

9 The Minister of Finance and Economics shall pay the sum received by the Province in each year from the Company in accordance with Section 8 to the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

Payments to Municipality of County of Halifax

10 The Minister of Finance and Economics shall pay to the Municipality of the County of Halifax in lieu of taxation of the Licensed Land under the Assessment Act twenty per cent of the annual stumpage paid by the Company to the Province, pursuant to the Agreement.

NOVA SCOTIA PULP LIMITED AGREEMENT ACT

Payments in Lieu of Municipal Tax and Land Tax

8 Nova Scotia Pulp Limited shall pay to the Province after the start up of the mill and during the period that the provisions of the Assessment Act and the Land Tax Act do not apply to it:

(a) not later than the thirty-first day of January of the year next succeeding the year in which the mill started up:

(i) one hundred thousand dollars multiplied by the number of months during which the mill produced pulp in the preceding year divided by twelve; or

(ii) eighty cents per ton of pulp produced in the said preceding year; whichever is the greater;

(b) not later than the thirty-first day of January of each succeeding year:

(i) one hundred thousand dollars and in addition thereto two thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the complete number of calendar years since the start of the mill; or

(ii) eighty cents per ton of pulp produced in the calendar year next preceding the said thirty-first day of January; whichever is the greater. 1959, c. 53, s.1; 1960, c.58, s.5

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Distribution Among Municipalities

9 The Provincial Treasurer shall pay the sum received by the Province in each year from Nova Scotia Pulp Limited in accordance with Section 8 to the municipality in which the Company's mill is located and municipalities in which are located the licensed land under the management of the Company as of the date on which the payment is made by the Company. 1959, c.53, s.1

Idem

10 The sum shall be distributed among the municipalities referred to in Section 9 not later than April first of each year in the following manner:

(a) ten per cent to the municipality in which the Company's mill is located;

(b) forty per cent to the Municipality of the County of Inverness:

(i) less two thousand dollars multiplied by the number of complete calendar years elapsed since the start up of the mill; and

(ii) less the tax payable to it in respect of Crown Lands under license to lease except Crown Lands leased to the Mersey Paper Company;

Until the amount payable under this clause equals or is less than the amount which would be distributed to the Municipality of the County of Inverness under clause (d) if that clause applied to it;

(c) thirty per cent to the Municipality of the County of Victoria:

(i) less one thousand dollars multiplied by the number of complete calendar years elapsed since the start up of the mill; and

(ii) less the tax payable in respect of Crown Lands under license or lease, except Crown Lands leased to the Mersey Paper Company;

Until the amount payable under this clause equals or is less than the amount which would be distributed to the Municipality of the County of Victoria under clause (d) if that clause applied to it;

(d) the balance in the proportion that the acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in each municipality bears to the total acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in all the municipalities, provided that the acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in the Municipality of the County of Inverness or the Municipality of the County of Victoria shall not be included for the purposes of this clause until the payment to the Municipality of the County of Inverness under clause (b) or the payment to the Municipality of the County of Victoria under clause (c) equals or is less than the amount to which it would be entitled under this clause if it applied to it, and thereafter this clause shall apply to it. 1959, c.53, s.1.

Special Payment to Inverness

11 The Province in each year commencing with the year next succeeding the year in which the mill started up will pay:

(a) fourteen thousand dollars to the Municipality of the County of Inverness less two thousand dollars multiplied by the number of complete calendar years elapsed since the start up of the mill; or

(b) the difference between the tax payable to it in respect of Crown Lands under license or lease except Crown Lands leased to the Mersey Paper Company and the amount payable to it under Section 10; whichever is the lesser amount. 1959, c.53, s.1.

G. DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

1. General Grants to Cities, Towns and Municipalities

The General Grants are made up of three items:

(1) part of the amount paid to the Province for railway tax -- this is distributed as recommended by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in 1940;

(2) an amount of $337.50 for each branch bank in the municipal unit;

(3) a per capita payment at a rate of $3.21 for the three cities; $2.10 for towns, and $1.25 for rural municipalities.

2. Street Mileage Grants

A street mileage grant of $200.00 per mile of streets is paid to all cities and towns.

3. Municipal Services

Grants are paid to municipal units in respect of the annual current cost of fire protection, police protection, street lighting and garbage and refuse collection and disposal. Also, grants are paid to municipal units in respect of the capital cost of sewer systems, water systems, street paving, curbs and gutters; prior approval by the Minister is necessary before this capital cost is eligible for assistance. The Provincial proportions vary between municipal units and are determined each year by Regulation.

(a) Fire Protection Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of (a) the actual cost of the eligible service or (b) the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying the population of the municipal unit or of the area by (1) $6.04 where the unit or the area provides fire protection through a hydrant system of the water utility and includes in its annual estimates from which it determines its tax rate an amount for fire protection at a rate or figure approved by the Board of Commissioners

of Public Utilities or (2) $3.64 where the unit or the area does not provide fire protection through a hydrant system or levy an amount for fire protection.

(b) Police Protection Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less: the maximum eligible cost is determined by (1) dividing the population of the unit or of the area by 1,000 and if the quotient is or includes a fraction, increase it to the next full figure and (2) multiplying the quotient or the adjusted quotient by $5,000 and (3) adding to the result the amount of $800.00 or an amount equivalent to the number of miles of streets in the city or town multiplied by $48.00, whichever is the larger.

(c) Garbage Collection and Disposal - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying the population of the unit or of the area by $3.23.

(d) Street Lighting Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying by $3.00 the greater of either (1) the population of the unit or of the area or (2) the figure obtained by multiplying the total miles of streets of the unit or of the area by the quotient obtained by dividing the total population of all towns in the Province by the total miles of streets in all such towns.

(e) Water Systems - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving water works or water systems for the eligible items included in the Regulations; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

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Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincial proportion of the annual debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purposes or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister, if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

(f) Sewer Systems - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains for the eligible items included in the Regulation; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincial proportion of the annual debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purpose or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

(g) Paving Service - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing curbs and gutters and paving with permanent paving streets of the municipal unit not, however, including streets with respect to which the municipal unit has an agreement with the Minister of Highways under the Public Highways Act; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincial proportion of the annual debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purpose or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister, if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

4. Grants in Lieu of Taxes

Grants in lieu of taxes are paid annually on certain eligible Provincially-owned real property. The eligible real property does not include rights-of-way for highways, crown lands, hospitals, educational institutions, parks or historic sites.

Reference is made in other sections of this booklet to grants in lieu paid by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, Nova Scotia Power Commission and grants paid by the Department of Lands and Forests.

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5. Regional Assessment

A grant of 20 per cent of the annual cost of the administration of assessment is paid to all Regional Assessment Committees.

6. Assistance to Ambulance Operators

During the Provincial fiscal year, April 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973, the Province has provided the sum of $577,500 to be distributed to approved ambulance operators. The basis of distribution is $20.00 per call plus $.50 per mile for service rendered outside the limits of a city or town.

The assistance is distributed through the municipal units.

7. Rebate of Income Tax - Electric Utilities

A share of the amount rebated to the Province by the Federal Government arising from Income Tax paid by electric utilities is distributed to the municipal units in which the utility operates. The basis of distribution is retail revenue.

8. The Planning Act

The Department financially assists municipal planning in two ways:

1. Under Section 12(4), the Deparment may share in the cost of preparing a municipal development plan. The proportion of such cost borne by the Department is 50% of an agreed budget based on a complete work program.

2. Under Section 24, the Minister may enter into an agreement with a District Planning Commission to share in the costs and expenses of the Commission. The extent of the Department's contribution is:

   a. Fifty per cent of the usual operating costs of the Commission, including the cost of services to participating municipalities.

   b. Up to 100% of the costs of any additional assistance provided to the Minister in the preparation of a regional development plan.

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MAPPING

In 1959, the Department began a program to assist urban and rural municipal units to prepare topographic maps. The cost-sharing program is:

Scale of Map	cost to Municipality	Cost Borne by Municipality
1" = 400'	½ total cost	½ total cost
1" = 200'	$1.00 per acre or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	Remainder of cost
1" = 100' to 1" = 40'	Remainder of cost	2/3 of estimated cost of mapping same area at 1" = 200'
Updating existing maps	50% of cost	50% of cost

The Department may also assist municipal units with the enlargement or reduction of topographic maps for municipal purposes.

All mapping is now done in consultation with the Director of Surveys, Department of Lands and Forests. As a general rule, new mapping will be authorized only if it can be based on the new Maritime Survey Grid, which ensures complete reliability in future for referencing, mapping, surveys and land titles. This program, financially supported by the Government of Canada, is well underway.

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H. DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

1. Emergency Measures Organization

The only direct financial assistance which this Branch now provides to municipal governments is the sum of $250.00 per annum which is made available for any costs which may have been incurred with regard to civil emergency planning.

The Emergency Planning Officer is, or should be, the Municipal/Town Clerk or other senior administration member, and the $250.00 grant (or honourarium) is paid to the municipality on his behalf, to cover incidental expenses and an appreciation of the extra work and time expended on civil emergency planning.

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The eight health units covering the Province are supported entirely by Provincial funds. The Department of Public Works is responsible for providing offices for each health unit without cost to the local municipalities.

The Province, through the Hospital Insurance Commission, now pays 100% of the approved operating costs for the treatment of mental patients requiring such treatment in an approved Municipal Mental Hospital.

The Department supports eight (8) Mental Health Clinics in the following areas: Bridgewater, Wolfville, Antigonish, Sydney, Amherst, Pictou, Truro and the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre in Halifax.

The Department supports these Clinics on the basis of an approved budget, less any recoveries they might have from Medical Services Insurance.

Construction grants are available for general hospitals and mental hospitals. The Provincial component is at the rate of $2,000.00 per bed or bed equivalent, plus $1,000.00 bonus.

Construction grants are available for nurses' residences and the Provincial assistance is at the rate of $750.00 per bed plus $250.00 bonus.

Grants are available for approved renovations of one-third of the actual cost.

Construction grants and grants for renovations are available for provision of nursing home type beds in Municipal Homes provided that one-third of the total beds are Nursing Home Beds and are up to the standard required for licensing. The grant is $3,000.00 per Nursing Home bed for one-third the number of beds.

The grant for renovations will be the lesser of (a) $3,000.00 per Nursing Home bed, which Nursing Home beds must constitute a minimum of one-third of the beds in Municipal Homes, or (b) the capital cost of renovation, exclusive of equipment.

A limited amount of assistance is available to municipalities for the express purpose of assisting with the purchase and installation of fluoridation equipment.

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This grant assistance represents 50% of the equipment and installation costs up to a maximum of $5,000.00, i.e., the maximum amount obtainable is $2,500.00 payable over a five-year period at the rate of $500.00 per year.

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J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

(a) The Province, under a needs test system, reimburses each municipal unit for the maintenance payments issued to welfare recipients in their own homes. The reimbursement is made to municipal units with organized welfare departments at a minimum rate of 75% or the Provincial proportion of the Foundation Program of Education, if the latter is greater than 75%. In units where there is no organized welfare department, the sharing is 66 2/3%.

(b) In order to upgrade the standards of administration, the Province pays 75% of all administration expenses or the Provincial proportion at the Foundation Program of Education rate, if the latter is greater than 75%.

(c) The Province prescribes minimum standards for Homes for the Aged and Homes for the Disabled operated by municipal units, and reimburses municipal units for 66 2/3% of the per diem cost of maintaining persons in such homes on a needs test basis. The municipal units receive reimbursement at a rate of 66 2/3% for maintaining persons in voluntary or privately operated institutions who are unable to pay board rates provided that the municipal unit concerned places the patient in one of these establishments.

(d) Under Part II of the Social Assistance Act, the Province will repay to municipal units 2/3 of the amount necessary to meet principal and interest payments on loans incurred for the construction or furnishing of Homes for the Aged and Homes for the Disabled or renovations to existing institutions provided that the primary financing is obtained under the National Housing Act.

(e) The Federal Government reimburses the Provincial Government at the rate of 50% of the above expenditures.

1. Child Welfare Services

The cost of child welfare services for Wards of Children's Aid Societies is determined as follows:

The total cost of Ward supervision is borne by the Province. These costs are determined each year by the Minister of Public Welfare on the recommendation of a committee constituted under legislation and are based on the cost of fielding one social worker per 65 Wards.

Local municipal governments share 50% in the cost of maintenance for Wards in foster homes with the Province bearing the remaining 50%. Maximum shareable weekly rate is $21.00. Maintenance for Wards who are children of "unmarried mothers" is assumed in full by the Province.

To assist in defraying the cost of worker's salaries and travelling expenses for the provision of protection services, each municipal unit through legislation pays annually 30 cents per capita based on the last census to a society having jurisdiction within the municipal unit concerned with a like amount being paid to the Administrator of Family and Child Welfare, if there is no Children's Aid Society having jurisdiction within the municipality. The Province pays to Children's Aid Societies 50% of the cost of protection services. Additional funds are obtained from voluntary contributions, financial campaigns and United Appeal. The formula for determining worker cost is based on one worker per 55 protection cases.

All services to mentally retarded children under Part VII of the Child Welfare Act, which include Foster Home Care for retarded children, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre and four Children's Homes for severely retarded children are financed entirely by the Province.

The cost of maintenance of Wards in child caring institutions is $24.50 per week with the Province paying $18.50 per week and the local government $6.00.

The total cost of Special Protection Services is assumed by the Province. It includes the operation of the Family Court, the salaries and expenses of the judges and probation and after-care services. The cost of maintaining children committed to training schools is shared at the rate of $350.00 per year per child by the municipality of settlement with the province covering the remaining costs. A maximum of $20.00 per week board is paid by the Provincial Government for the Foster Home Plan for children in need of Special Protection. Other costs such as clothing and medical costs are covered. These Child Welfare Services with the exception of the Special Protection Services are cost shared by the Federal Government at a rate of 50%.

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K DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(a) Grants based on a formula established by the Department are paid to municipalities in which provincial schools, hospitals, and historic buildings of over $10,000.00 value are located. These grants are in consideration of fire protection services provided by the municipal units for buildings in the above categories.

(b) In the City of Halifax and Dartmouth, a grant is paid in lieu of fire protection rates in consideration of the protection provided for provincial schools, hospitals, and historic buildings. These grants are in the amount which would be normally paid for fire protection by private owners of the property.

L. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Applications can be considered for financing the construction of industrial parks under the Industrial Development Act.

M. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Recreation And Entertainment Incentive Grant

To encourage interest in and support for regional tourist development and promotion the Government of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Tourism, will provide an incentive for communities to develop new special events or improve existing events with special emphasis on shoulder month activities.

This incentive will take the form of a matching grant to a maximum of $10,000 per area.

To provide the greatest possible imput by the public, the Minister of Tourism will accept applications from Area Tourist Associations whose recommendations should reflect area priorities as decided upon by their members.

Applications for a grant in any year must be made in writing by Area Tourist Associations to the Minister of Tourism before February 28th.

To emphasize the importance of shoulder months activities and promotions one third of the grant is specifically set aside for exclusive use during the period September 1 to June 30.

Applications must state the purpose of the grant and show in general the source of community funds.

Each association must provide an annual accounting to the Minister of Tourism for the expenditure of Provincial monies provided by the grant.

Regulations Pursuant to Grants to Regional Organizations in the Province of Nova Scotia

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1. To encourage interest in and support for tourist development and promotion including regional tourist development and promotion, the Government of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Trade and Industry, will give financial assistance in the form of matching grants to provincial and regional tourist groups to assist in the provision of a Tourist Director who will spend at least six months, in any twelve month period, full time in the promotion of the industry within the province or region. Whatever monies are available after the Director's salary has been paid may be used according to the regulations set out below.

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REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2. For purposes of these regulations, besides the single provincial unit the province is divided into a number of regional organizations and administrative units, subject to revision and change by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Province of Nova Scotia.

PROVISION OF FUNDS

3. Financial aid to be provided through only one organization, provincially and in each region, e.g. a Provincial Tourist Organization, a Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade, a Municipal Tourist Bureau. Each organization must satisfy the Minister that it is carrying out a program of tourist development and promotion on behalf of the entire area it represents. If a prescribed region has no organization assuming overall promotion, no funds shall be provided to the region. No grant will be made to any minority group.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

4. Basis of payment to a Regional Group will be a provincial grant, up to a maximum of $6,000 equalling the amount provided by the municipalities concerned, to its Regional Tourist Association, Associated Board of Trade or Municipal Tourist Bureau. The minimum municipal contribution for purposes of the grant is $4,000.

The Provincial Grant will match dollar for dollar any amount contributed by the municipalities up to but not to exceed $6,000. Should an amount of less than $6,000 but more than $4,000 be contributed by the municipalities, the additional sum up to $6,000 will be matched on the basis of contributions by the public at large.

Any amount less than $4,000 contributed by the municipalities will reduce by that amount the additional $2,000 grant available. For example:

Municipal contribution	-	$4,000
Provincial grant	-	4,000
Other contributions	-	2,000
Provincial grant	-	2,000
Total contributions	-	6,000
Total Provincial Grant	-	6,000

Municipal contribution	-	$3,000
Provincial Grant	-	3,000
Other contributions	-	2,000
Provincial Grant	-	1,000
Total contributions	-	5,000
Total Provincial Grant	-	4,000

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5. Basis of payment to a provincial group will be a Provincial Grant not to exceed $6,000 equalling the amounts subscribed by the business community of the province.

6. To qualify for the Provincial Grant, the provincial group, the Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade or Municipal Tourist Bureau must employ a director who will serve not less than six months in any twelve month period. Payment of the Provincial Grant in each case to be made following the organization's submission setting forth the amount of the municipal grant provided, or in the case of the provincial group the amount of the business community's subscription, and approval of their programs by the Minister of Trade and Industry. Each organization must provide an annual accounting to the Minister of Trade and Industry for the expenditures of Provincial monies provided under these regulations.

7. In special circumstances, considered by the Minister to be hardship situations, the Minister may in his discretion apportion grants not to exceed $4,000 in any way he deems desirable and advisable.

8. The intent of this matching grant is to provide a Tourist Director for the region concerned. And in the case of the provincial unit to assist in the provision of an organized body directed by a salaried employee to represent the business community of the province not directly in the tourist business but with a serious stake in the success of tourism. This unit will also act as a liaison body for district tourist associations when such is found desirable by the districts.

9. Whatever monies are available after the Director's salary has been paid may be considered for approval on the following items of development and promotion.

A. Advertising in approved media within the Province of Nova Scotia.

B. Provincial tourist association membership.

C. Regional signs - painted or paper sign boards.

D. Travel and sport shows, fair exhibits and parade displays within the province, if the exhibit is solely sponsored by the Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade and Municipal units.

E. Any other item of development and promotion except those listed hereunder approved by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

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The following items of development and promotion are not approved for purposes of the Provincial Grant:

A. Wages, retainer fees or commissions, except where allowed above in "approved" promotions.

B. Contact, field or promotional trips, individual or group.

C. Promotional tours within or outside the province.

D. Meetings or entertaining.

E. Other methods that might be designated, from time to time, by the Minister, Department of Trade and Industry.

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N. OTHER PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

1. The Nova Scotia Housing Commission

The Province of Nova Scotia through the facilities of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission promotes housing development within the Province with particular emphasis on the requirements of persons in the lower or middle income ranges. Areas in which specific assistance is given and which are of interest to Municipal Governments are:

(a) Housing Studies

Studies are carried out to determine the housing requirements of various Municipalities and the appropriate means of financing.

(b) Public Housing Projects

Financial and management assistance are given to provide suitable public housing for low income and senior citizens. Project management and financing is frequently carried out by the Commission or may be undertaken in partnership with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Municipal co-operation is sought in establishing the need for this housing, identifying sites and in assisting in the subsidization of operating costs.

(c) Land Banking and Servicing Projects

Financial assistance and management expertise are available to Municipalities which are suffering from, or which are anticipating, a shortage of residential land at reasonable or acceptable prices. This assistance frequently extends to the servicing of land which has been purchased with a view to filling the need for residential building sites.

(d) Cooperative Housing Mortgages

Low-cost mortgage financing is available to municipal residents by means of the "Self-Help Housing Program". Assistance by way of subsidy to permit ownership by low-income families is available through the Commission's subsidized Home Ownership Program.

(e) Shell Housing Program

The N.S.H.C. together with C.M.H.C. are jointly sponsoring the Shell Housing Program. Municipal support and involvement is sought in this Program which is an attempt to provide a basic house to low-income families at the lowest possible cost. N.S.H.C. and C.M.H.C. make subsidies available through the Subsidized Home Ownership Program, thus bringing home ownership to low-income families. Municipal participation is sought in these subsidies thus making home ownership available to even lower income groups while assistance is sought in the identification of land for the houses.

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(f) Subsidized Home Ownership Through the Self-Help Cooperative and Shell Housing Programs

Federal and Provincial subsidies are available and Municipal participation is sought and encouraged in the Commission-sponsored Subsidized Cooperative Home Ownership Program and in the Shell Housing Program which provide home ownership for eligible low income families.

(g) Other

Advice and assistance is also available in the development of limited dividend and non-profit rental projects by the Municipalities and by private corporate agencies.

2. The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is authorized to compute and disburse yearly grants in lieu of property taxes on Commission-owned properties and grants in lieu of business taxes on Commission-owned and leased premises on the following authorized formulae:

(a) Grants in lieu of Property Taxes--1½% of the total cost of land and buildings for each location.

(b) Grants in lieu of Business Taxes--4% of the total of inventory of Plant and Equipment plus the average inventory of stock at cost for twelve months for each location as at March 31st of each year.

3. The Nova Scotia Power Commission

The Nova Scotia Power Commission and its subsidiaries may make grants in lieu of taxes to any municipality in respect of any property exempt from tax under Section 44 of the Power Commission Act and may enter into such agreements as may be necessary to give effect to the provision of the Act.

Generally, it may be said the Commission pays a grant equivalent to 2½% of certain Retail Electric Revenue which is shared among qualifying municipalities in proportion to the Retail Sales derived from each area. The foregoing technique is modified by several arrangements in areas previously served by electric utilities which have been purchased by the Commission.

4. The Nova Scotia Water Resources Commission

Section 15 of the Water Act provides as follows:

"(1) Subject to the regulations the Minister may assist municipalities in the construction of sewage collection and treatment works by making grants or loans of money or guaranteeing loans made to municipalities."

The relevant regulations are:

"4 (1) When the Minister is satisfied that a municipality has caused a pollution control study or survey to be made by an engineer or engineers whose engagement for the purpose was approved by the Water Resources Commission, the Minister may advance to the municipality an amount equal to the cost to the municipality of having the survey or study conducted."

"(2) When the Minister is satisfied that a trunk collector sewer or a sewage treatment plant has been satisfactorily completed by a municipality, the Minister may pay to the municipality a sum not exceeding twenty per cent of the approved capital cost of the sewer or plant, including the cost of a study or survey referred to in sub-section (1), less any amount advanced under sub-section (1)."

"5 Before furnishing any assistance to Section 15 of the Act, the Minister may require evidence satisfactory to him that a sewage treatment plant will be satisfactorily maintained and operated by the Municipality."

O. ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES BY WAY OF LOANS

1. Municipal Hospital Loan Fund

A fund from which the Province may lend to a municipality not more than 50% of the cost of new construction or the making of changes in a hospital.

2. Municipal Loan Fund

A fund from which municipalities may borrow at rates fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council generally at about the market rate. The fund is not intended as a substitute for borrowing on the open market, and in fact, municipalities are not encouraged to make use of it. It is used when repayment should be over a term longer than 20 years and when municipalities have difficulty selling bonds on the market.

3. The School Loan Fund

A fund from which the Province may lend to a school board to assist in purchasing buses for the transporting of pupils to and from schools.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

A. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

1. Grants in Lieu of Taxes

Section 125 of the British North America Act clearly states that "no lands or property belonging to Canada or any Province shall be liable to taxation."

This Federal and Provincial exemption is contained in Section 3(a) of the Assessment Act, Chapter 14, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967.

By consent payments are made by the Federal Government, in lieu of real property taxes on Federal properties, under the provisions of the Municipal Grants Act. A number of kinds of properties are excluded from the benefits of this Act.

B. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ENTERPRISES

1. Canadian National Railways

The Canadian National Railways pays grants in lieu of taxes on land and certain improvements in the cities, towns and rural municipalities of Nova Scotia where there is property eligible and where application has been made.

2. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

3. Air Canada

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation

(Under the Provisions of the National Housing Act)

(a) Urban Renewal - Section 23 to 27, 37 (I)(h)

(These Sections will be inoperative for an undetermined period of time according to the Federal Minister's statement of August 14, 1969.)

Three stages are usually followed: study, scheme and implementation of scheme. The following assistance is available.

Contributions of up to 75% of the cost of an urban renewal study. (Section 37 (I)(h))

Contributions of one-half the cost of the preparation of an urban renewal scheme. (Section 23)

Contributions of one-half the cost of implementing an urban renewal scheme. (Section 24) "Implementation" includes the following within the urban renewal area designated by the urban renewal scheme: acquiring and clearing land and buildings; installing municipal services or works, other than public buildings: employing certain persons in connection with the urban renewal project.

Loans of up to two-thirds of remaining cost of implementing an urban renewal scheme. (Section 25)

(b) Controlled Rental Housing - Section 15

Loans of up to 95% of lending value of the project to any organization, corporation or individual wishing to undertake low-rental projects, either through new construction or the purchase and improvement of existing buildings, to provide accommodation to individuals and families including elderly persons whose incomes are inadequate to meet common rentals on the open market.

(c) Public Housing - Section 40 to 44

Two available techniques:

1. (a) Contributions of up to 75% of capital costs for acquisition and development of land for housing purposes. (Section 40)

   (b) Contributions of up to 75% of capital costs and operating losses for the construction or acquisition and conversion of housing for public housing purposes. (Section 40)

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2. (a) Loans of up to 90% of cost to acquire and service land for future public housing purposes. (Section 42)

(b) Loans of up to 90% of cost (as determined by the Corporation) for construction or acquisition and conversion of a public housing project. (Section 43); contributions of up to 50% of annual operating losses incurred in operating a public housing project. (Section 44)

(d) Land Assembly - Section 42

Loans of up to 90% of cost to acquire land for public housing and general housing purposes and for servicing land so acquired, or which is already owned.

This section will be inoperative for an undetermined period of time for general housing purposes only.

(e) Sewage Treatment - Section 50 to 54

Loans of up to two-thirds of the cost of construction or expansion of sewage treatment projects which include trunk collector systems and sewage treatment plants, and partial debt cancellation (25%) of principal amount of loan and accrued interest based on construction progress as at March 31, 1975.

In addition to the financial assistance outlined above, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is prepared to provide information services on housing and related matters to any municipality.

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